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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The Hon. Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
1400 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am following a letter from the President in which he has emphasized his wholehearted support of the CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM and its work to bring free Europe and the Free Europe Press.

Knowing as you do that this citizens' movement is a matter of major interest to our government in maintaining our position of national strength, I am certain that you will agree that the Crusade for Freedom merits greater support from your department than ever before.

In order to accomplish the successful campaign in which the President has expressed his interest, I sincerely hope that you will lend to its activities your own personal support.

Further, it is our hope that you will name a senior agency official as your designate to give leadership to the Crusade campaign activities within your department.

The opening of the 1956 Crusade for Freedom has been set for January 1. In order not to conflict with other campaigns, you might wish to consider the designation of a special payday between January 1 and March 31 for receiving voluntary contributions from employees who would like to participate. As has been true in the past, the month of February has been designated as FREEDOM MONTH.

It would be most helpful if you would forward the President's letter and perhaps your own personal endorsement to the Crusade to your field offices and establishments by December 1st in order that they might be given an opportunity to participate actively in the Crusade for Freedom.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Williams
National Federal Chairman
1956 Crusade for Freedom